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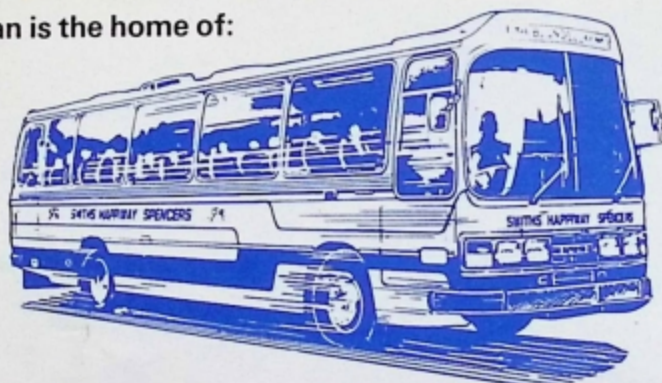
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# LARRY LLOYD

Welcome to the Aldershot Football Club this evening for a re-arranged Fourth Division match. Since my last notes we have played two away fixtures against Port Vale and Torquay United, two very useful sides in the division.

Although it is vital, with the three point system, to win as many matches as possible, our performances in these two games were very satisfying, as we had to battle non-stop for ninety minutes in both games. Today, I know, from our previous matches with Aldershot, that we will have to reach a high level of performance to get anything from the game.

Our reserve team is handily placed in the Umbro Floodlit League to win the Championship, and if it happens, then it can only be good for the club, as winning things is a nice habit to get into. Considering we have had several injuries of late, our Chief Scout, Harry McNally and reserve team coach Micky Clarke have done an exceptional job in this direction.

As most of you know I won the Bells Manager of the Month award for January and my thanks must go to everyone concerned who helped me gain the award, particularly the playing staff, who have responded to me so well.

Enjoy the game.

Best wishes,

Larry Lloyd.



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# Scene Four

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

The war years were dead years at Springfield Park. The ground was completely closed apart from regular spot checks from the few Directors who were available, and obviously the condition of the pitch and the ground in general became fairly dilapidated. The old wooden stand which was the length of the pitch needed major repairs, and the popular side shelter needed completely re-roofing.

When war in Europe ended in 1945, this repair work had to be completed — mostly by local volunteers — before the Cheshire League re-started in August, 1945. 1945-46 was a disastrous year — the Cheshire League re-opened in a small way to allow each club to gradually find their feet after six years of war. Every club was restricted to a £2 wage limit as many of the lads were not even demobilised, and only expenses could be paid to men in the forces. Wigan did, however, employ a player-manager in Jimmy Milne, father of Gordon, but with the restrictions Jimmy was not too successful and finished that season at the bottom of the Cheshire League. To add insult to injury Wigan were not re-elected at the A.G.M. and were then left without a League for 1946-47 season, which was to run as normal. It was touch and go whether there would be any

further football at Springfield Park, but certain Directors and Officials cared quite a lot for the "Latics" and made strenuous efforts to gain admission to the only League available, i.e. The Lancashire Combination, whose A.G.M. was held the week after we were voted out of the Cheshire League.

There was great jubilation in the town when at that meeting we were elected. The Directors representing the Club at that meeting were myself and Arthur Horrocks, and by coincidence Arthur and myself were the two directors representing the club many years later, when we gained admission to the Football League.

1946/47 was a very successful season — being without a manager, the Board decided to rely solely on local players — they did us proudly, and finished on top of the Lancashire Combination. During the season gates were fantastic — the team was:-

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HOME																								
Aldershot		3-2	2-0		1-2	1-1	3-0	0-0	3-1	1-2			2-3				2-2				1-1	2-1		0-1
Blackpool			0-3		1-1		5-0	1-0	7-1			3-1	2-3							2-0	2-1	0-2		
Bournemouth					3-2		2-0	2-0	1-1					1-1		1-1	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-0			0-0	5-1
Bradford		4-1				2-1	3-0		1-0	0-0	1-1	3-4			1-0	2-0	0-0	0-2					3-3	6-2
Bury						2-1	2-0		1-1		0-2	3-2	7-1	3-1	3-2	3-0	4-0		2-0				5-3	
Colchester		1-1			1-1						4-0			5-1				2-1		3-0	4-0	1-2	4-0	
Crewe		2-3			1-2			1-0	0-1							0-2	1-2	3-0		0-1		0-1	1-1	
Darlington		2-2		1-5		1-2			1-1				1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0			2-0					
Halifax			1-1		2-1	0-2							2-1		1-1		0-0	1-2		1-2	0-2			
Hartlepool					1-3	1-2		3-2			3-2		3-1	0-1					0-0			2-1	3-2	
Hereford					1-2	3-0		1-1	2-2	1-1	2-2								0-0	0-3				
Hull		1-2			2-1	2-3									1-1				2-1			1-2	0-2	2-0
Mansfield			2-2	0-1	0-2	1-1		0-1		3-2	2-1	3-3		4-1			4-3						1-2	
Northampton			0-1	3-1	0-2		1-2	3-0				2-3	1-1					1-1	1-2	0-0		3-2	2-3	
Peterborough		7-1		1-0				3-0		0-0		3-1		1-0	1-0		5-1			2-0			0-1	
Port Vale		1-0					2-1		2-2	0-0	5-2		2-1	0-0		1-3		1-1	0-2	1-0			1-1	
Rochdale		0-0	0-0			1-2				2-1							1-2		0-1	4-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	
Scunthorpe			1-1		1-3					2-1	2-2	4-4			0-1								2-1	0-3
Sheffield Utd		3-1				1-0	4-0	0-0		1-1	2-2	0-0	4-1				1-0			4-0	2-0		4-0	
Stockport		4-2	2-3	1-2	2-3		2-0		2-1						3-0		3-0		1-0			2-1		
Torquay					2-0		1-0						2-1	2-0	2-2				1-0	1-1		1-2	0-0	3-2
Tranmere					0-1	1-1	1-3		3-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-0					0-1					0-0	0-2
Wigan					4-1				2-1	2-0	1-1	1-1			3-1	5-0	2-0	2-1	0-1	2-1	1-0	0-0		
York			0-4	0-1					2-2		1-2	3-4			2-1				3-4				0-0	



# COMING SHORTLY

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 6th March, 1982  
WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- HULL CITY  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR  
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 9th March, 1982  
WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- BURY  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR  
KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

## PEPSI GOLDEN GOALS

Pepsi-Cola are delighted to be here today to present the Club with a £2,000 cheque — a reward for the Team's goal-scoring achievements during the months of December/January.

Pepsi Golden Goals is the new goal-scoring incentive scheme, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola and approved by The Football League. Pepsi are awarding £1,000 each month — and £5,000 for the season overall — to the top Club in each of the four Divisions based on the following system:-

- ★ One Point for Home Goal
- ★ Two Points for Away Goal
- ★ Three Bonus Points for three or more goals in any match, Home or Away

Owing to the number of postponements in December and January caused by our wintry weather, Pepsi decided to cancel the December award and instead doubled the prize money in January.

Having played 7 matches in the two months, Wigan emerged the victors with 11 home points, 12 away points, 9 bonus points — giving them a winning total of 32 points.



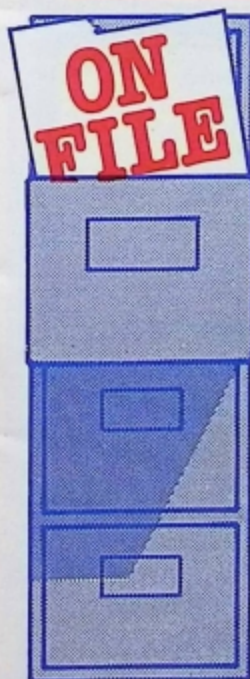
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You will have heard on the news that on Sunday last, a meeting was held of FLESA, (Football League Executive Staffs Association) in Coventry. This is the Trade Union of football managers, coaches and secretaries, and it made the headlines because it was addressed by Messrs. Greenwood, Stein and Bingham. All the members present (yours truly) were asked to do everything in their power to provide the maximum co-operation with the World Cup managers in their preparations for the great competition. I did not think there was much I could do at Wigan to help, but I was quite happy to sit there and watch the proceedings, and I happily put my hand up with the rest when asked for a positive commitment.

What was more interesting was the afternoon session, in which managers and secretaries split up into their separate groups to discuss various problems. As it was my first meeting and expected nothing more than a great deal of hot air, I was very surprised and happy to realise that the vast majority of Club Secretaries are a very go ahead bunch. In two very busy hours, there was productive and progressive discussions on such subjects as Summer Football (most are in favour), three points for a win (again, most in favour), the need to promote the game in a more professional way, the need to improve spectator facilities and, very important, the need to provide attractive play on the park. The Secretary of Arsenal

pointed out that his gates (only 18,000 last Saturday) were 8,000 down per week on last year, despite the fact that they are fourth in the table and winning most of their games. He bemoaned the fact, however, that their style of play was dull and uninspiring and laid the blame for the low gates fairly and squarely on this aspect of their game. There was unanimous support for the style of play seen at White Hart Lane, although their gates are 1% down on last year (there is a complimentary stand ticket as a prize for the first person to tell me why — the answer is very simple).

All in all, the meeting proved that, whilst football is in a crisis, even we seemingly boring administrators realise the fact and are very keen to take any initiatives which would lead to an improvement.

On a lighter note, (yes, I am being rather serious this week), Chris Lawler is now languishing in the frozen wastes of Norway without his beloved family or his beloved Latics. Wouldn't it be nice if one or two (or two thousand) of us dropped him a line to let him know how the team is playing and to say hello. Postcards, greetings cards, letters or £5 notes would, I am sure, be much appreciated. His address is: Theissenveien 20B, Bodo 8000, Norway.

Cheers,

Colin Burke.





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# THE LOCAL VIEW

by Harold Ashurst

The fortunes of Wigan Tech. are on the up and up, and it doesn't seem too long before well deserved honours will be coming their way. A bit or re-organisation took place at the start of the season, and new players were drafted in. It's all paid off handsomely with Tech. doing well in the South West Lancashire Combination — only last week they recorded an 8-0 victory over Carnforth, which is the biggest in their history — and on Saturday they moved comfortably into the Third Round of the President's Cup with a 3-1 home victory over Lytham side Prebond.

The appeal by the Post and Chronicle Sunday League against the decision by the Lancashire Inter-League Committee to order them to replay their second round tie with Bolton goes ahead at Wigan next Monday. Wigan's opponents in the game, Bolton, complained that Geoff Rudd was not eligible to play in the game, and the Committee agreed and have ordered the "Post" to replay at Wigan.

Three Wigan referees will have charge of the Lancashire Sunday Trophy quarter-final next weekend between Lisieux Hall and St. Annes. John Robinson is the man with the whistle while linesmen are Dave Orrell and Ray Fletcher.

There's still a lot of movement in the transfer market these days, and the players who changed hands last week alone, were: J. Chadwick, Standish to Almond Brook; G. Benson, Standish to Almond Brook; D. Johnson, Bridgewater to Ince Parish; D. Catterall, Ince Parish to Bethel; P. Ashcroft, Ince Parish to Standish; A. Frost, Wigan Youth to Castle; T. Roberts, Goose Green United to Park Lane and D. Stewart, Aspull to Greenough Street.

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# NOTICE BOARD

We are sorry to report that one of our former players TOMMY HOOTON, age 67, died last week. Tommy, although not a regular first teamer, was quite useful — he could, when required, play in almost any position except goal.

He played at the same time as our present Physio — Duncan Colquhoun, and during the war years they were both playing in the same R.A.F. Group team at Preston. After his playing days were over, Tommy became the groundsman for a couple of years.

We extend to his wife and family our sincere condolences.

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In the commercial office we are now looking towards sponsorship for next season, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has helped us with sponsorship this season.

Next year we will have two new forms of sponsorship, kit sponsorship and player sponsorship. Kit sponsorship will be for the year, whereas player sponsorship will be on a match to match basis.

### TO SPONSOR KIT

Shirt £10, Shorts £10, Stockings £5, Boots £10, Warm-up shirt £10. The sponsors name would appear in the programme every home match, and each would be entered in a draw at the end of the season, with a season ticket as the prize.

### PLAYER SPONSORSHIP

Each player (twelve per match) would be sponsored for £15. The twelve sponsors will each receive one stand ticket, plus tea-room pass, and be entered in a draw at the match with two signed footballs as the prizes. These balls would be presented by the sponsored player. The funds from both these forms of sponsorship will, of course, be used to the advantage of the Wigan Athletic supporters who help the club so much.

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Wigan	8	5	3	0	23	8	13	23	36
Wrexham	10	3	3	4	15	19	9	17	26
Chester	9	1	5	3	17	21	7	16	23
Crewe	10	2	1	7	14	24	5	15	20
Port Vale	8	2	1	5	12	28	5	14	19

There are two more games to play —

Wigan Athletic v Port Vale away on 16.2.82.

Wigan Athletic v Chester home on 24.2.82.

There is therefore an excellent chance of being champions.

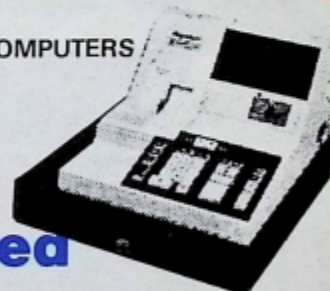
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# Supporters Club SPOTLIGHT

The committee and bar staff would like to welcome the Supporters, players and directors of Aldershot Football Club to Springfield Park this evening.

**DARTS AND DOMINOES** The Supporters' Club darts and domino team once again came through with flying colours. The dominoes team winning 7-1, and the darts team winning 4-3, which means that the domino team are top of the league, and the darts team about seventh.

The lists for the Peter Woods Trophy have now been taken down, and the draw for the first round will be posted on the notice board. Anyone who has not paid their entrance fee, will they do so to Mr. F. Clemson.

**BOWLING CLUB** Anyone wishing to join the Wigan Athletic bowling section, please attend a meeting in the lounge of the Supporters' Club on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1982 at 7.30 p.m. All new members are welcome.

I would like to thank a few more supporters for making Saturday and especially Sunday nights more successful. As you all know, Sunday night is our bingo night, with our resident duo, Dave on the organ and John on the drums.

**NOEL WARD BENEFIT** On Thursday, 18th February, 1982, a sports quiz will be held in the Supporters' Club between Wigan Athletic players and Wigan Athletic supporters. Everyone is welcome, and there will be a 40 pence door charge.

The draw held in the club after the Hartlepool match for a bottle of whisky was claimed. The winning number was 535.

**THIS WEEKENDS ENTERTAINMENT** Saturday, 20th February, 1982. Amanda Francis. Sunday, 21st February, 1982. Tony Lucas, who is giving his services free to the club, plus bingo and our resident duo.

Enjoy tonight's game, and voice your support, they deserve it. Refreshments are on sale in the club before and after the match, at reasonable prices. Call in the club for a drink after the match.

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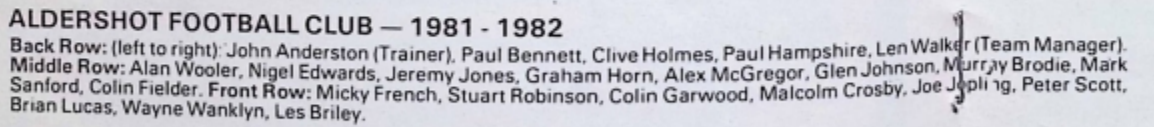
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In 1932 Aldershot were admitted to the Football League (South), in 1958 they became members of the Fourth Division and remained there until 1973, when they gained promotion to Division Three. In 1976 they were relegated and returned to Division Four — since then they have always been in the top half of the League, and on two occasions have been a little unlucky not to gain promotion.

Their ground, known as Recreation Ground, is only five minutes walk from the main railway station. It has a capacity of 16,000 with 14,000 under cover, and new Dressing Rooms and Directors quarters have recently been built. They have, as a member of the Board, Arthur English of "Are you being served" T.V. fame.

**LEN WALKER** (Team Manager) Was appointed manager in April 1981 having previously acted as coach. In his second spell with the Club, having established a record of 450 League appearances during 12 years at the Recreation Ground. A defender, he played for Spennymoor District Boys, Middlesbrough (as an amateur), Spennymoor United and made his League debut for Newcastle United. Went to Darlington as coach on leaving Aldershot and later became their manager.

**JOHN ANDERSON** (Trainer) Arrived at Aldershot in the summer of 1969 as trainer.

**ALAN WOOLER (Defender)** Versatile back-four player signed from West Ham in April 1976 and loaned to Boston Minute-men. Previously with Manchester United as a youth, Weymouth, Alton Town and Reading. Plays and coaches HJK Helsinki in the summer months. Born Poole.



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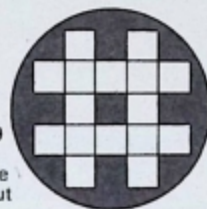
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# PUZZLE PAGE



### ON THE BALL No. 19

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go. Old Blackpool/Scotland schemer; Playing area; Torquay's nickname; Cambridge colour.

### CLUB CLUE No. 19

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:  
She and Alec get United.

### MIXED DOUBLES No. 19

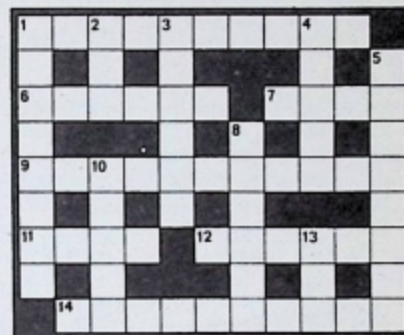
Re-order the letters in each of the words DIRE and DERAILED to find two 1981 FA Cup final men.

### QUICK QUIZ No. 19

- Which two teams drew 6-6 in a Second Division match in 1960?
- Who is the only man to have missed an FA Cup final penalty?
- Who fought out 'The Battle of Santiago'?
- Which club has the longest pitch in the League?
- Which club has been managed twice round by Willie Watson, Alan Ball and George Kirby?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES



### SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 19 (compiled by David Peck)  
ACROSS

- Presumably, the more the team clicks the more these do! (10)
- Scottish Rovers (6)
- After managing QPR and Millwall, he has spent recent summers in charge at Tampa (4)
- Midfielder who began with Plymouth Argyle and was signed by Sheffield United in the 1980 close season (4, 7)
- Former star scoring winger for Italy who was instrumental in the rise of his club, Cagliari, from Division Three in 1963 to First Division champions in 1970 (4)
- Taylor set Bristol Rovers' appearances record (6)
- Manager who shared his 1970s with Gillingham and Charlton (4, 6)

### DOWN

- English Rovers (8)
- Hindmarch, perhaps (3)
- On which Celtic's numbers can be seen (6)
- International defender who, in 1980, became Barnsley's biggest buy (5)
- Former Notts Forest and Notts County player who managed Huddersfield in two spells and, in between, took York from the Fourth Division to the Second (8)
- Fixture which leaves one club out! (3-3)
- Taylor, a regular for Sheffield Wednesday in 1980 and 1981 (5)
- A 1981 international import for Forest (3)



# OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

I had often wondered just how a referee felt when the angry crowd began to bay for his blood. Well, I found out at Port Vale recently — and I was only minding my business, taking a short cut around the stadium on my way to an honest pint! Remarks such as "hey, you, how much has your Port Vale manager paid the referee?" were ever so kind . . . compared to other comments slung from the terracing where furious Latics fans were gathered. Their partisanship is to be admired . . . though I'm glad there was a big wall between me and them — even though I'm on their side.

Regular readers of this column will remember my recalling past experiences at Vale Park where the press box can be overtaken by anyone who feels like it. Once more, several ladies decided to take prime position, sat beside myself and colleague Harold Ashurst. It was bedlam. They talked about everything under the sun, hardly casting an eye on the game until someone went down injured.

When they eventually came up for air they found a Vale player on the ground injured, and their description of how he met with this tragedy would have graced a Hammer film script. Oh the horror of it all . . . that was until Les Bradd, in the Vale goalmouth, needed some attention to his head after a knock. It was loosely suggested that he had been hit on the head by a missile thrown from the terraces . . . and our two heroes nearly died laughing at poor Les's plight. So much for being ladylike, it seems there's no love lost in war . . .

Incidentally, some of the red tape in soccer still provides me with a chuckle. At Vale Park prior to the game I went to collect my usual press ticket without which I could not get in. Anyway, after slight discussions they actually allowed me in, which was all I wanted, and gave me an admission ticket later . . . help! Still it's not as bad as the Club where you can't get in unless you have a pass . . . but have to get in first to obtain one!

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	League	Cup	FA Cup	Total
David Cross (West Ham U)	22	5	—	27
Brian Stein (Luton T)	18	1	—	19
Andy McCulloch (Sheffield W)	18	—	—	18
Paul Goddard (West Ham U)	17	4	—	21
David Moss (Luton T)	16	1	2	19
Leighton James (Swansea C)	15	1	—	16
Colin Lee (Chelsea)	15	—	1	16
Trevor Christie (Notts Co.)	14	4	1	19
Mick Harford (Newcastle U)	14	5	—	19
(inc. 10 for Lincoln C in League, 5 in League Cup)				
Neil Whatmore (Bolton W)	14	—	1	15
Malcolm Poskett (Watford)	13	6	2	21
Alex Bruce (Preston NE)	13	1	1	15
Dixie McNeil (Wrexham)	13	—	2	15
Brian Kidd (Bolton W)	13	1	—	14
Peter Kitchen (Cardiff C)	13	1	—	14
Alan Mayes (Chelsea)	12	3	1	16
(inc. 8 for Swindon T, plus League Cup, FA Cup)				
Rodger Wylde (Oldham Ath)	12	—	—	12
Luther Blissett (Watford)	11	2	—	13
Bob Cumming (Grimsby T)	11	—	—	11
Iain McCulloch (Notts Co)	11	—	—	11
Dave Swindlehurst (Derby Co)	11	—	—	11
Clive Walker (Chelsea)	11	—	—	11
Joe Waters (Grimsby T)	10	1	—	11
Alan Biley (Derby Co)	10	—	—	10
Trevor Brooking (West Ham U)	10	—	—	10
Alan Gowling (Bolton W)	10	—	—	10

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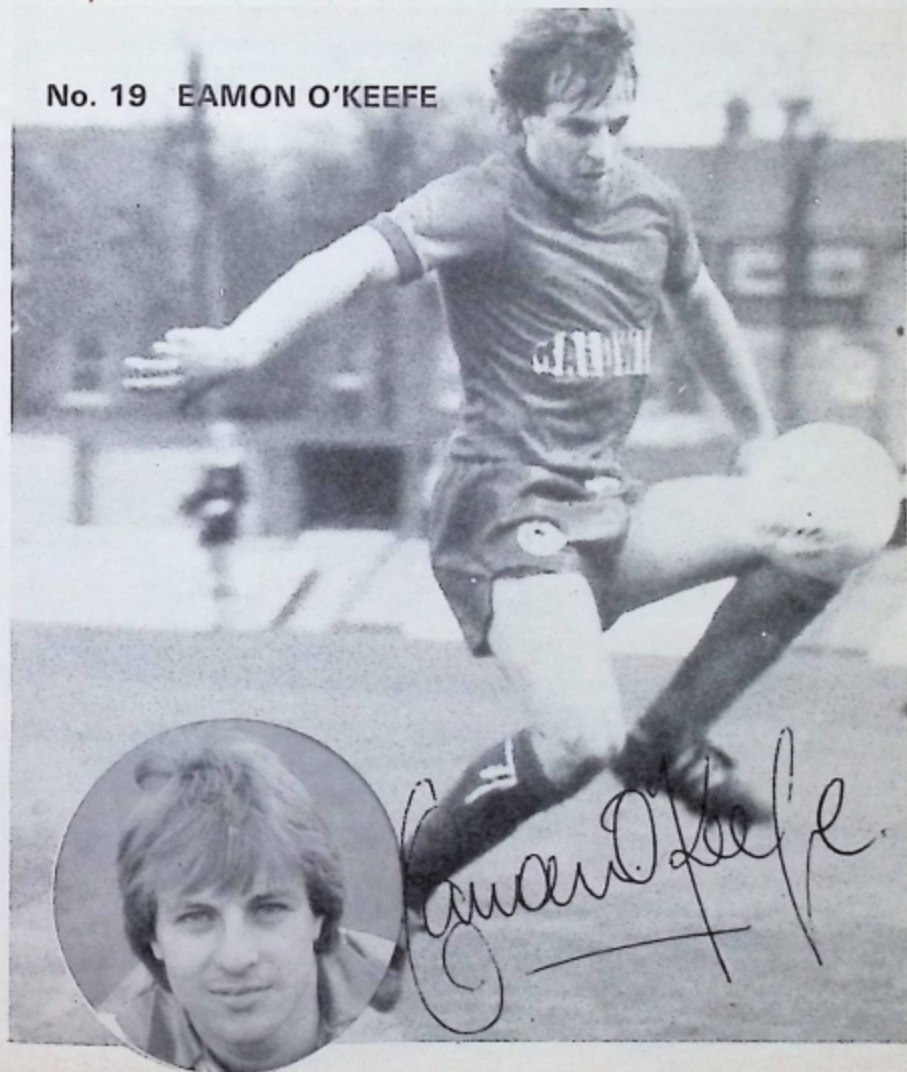
Larry Lloyd is presented with a gallon of Bells Scotch Whisky by Bell's Executive Mike Langford for deservedly being 4th Division Manager of the Month.  
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### EAMON O'KEEFE

On Monday, 1st March, we have the pleasure of welcoming Eamon O'Keefe to Junior Latics. The doors will open at 6.30 p.m. and we shall be starting at 6.45 p.m. We hope to have on sale on the night a special photo exclusive to Junior Latics of Eamon for 25p., which you will have a chance to have autographed. Plus all the usual features including the opening of the Soccer Shop, when you will be able to buy at the usual 10% discount.

### JUNIOR LATICS V BOLTON JUNIOR WHITES

At long last the boys who have waited so patiently to represent Junior Latics, did so last Saturday morning, when they entertained Bolton Junior Whites on Woodhouse Stadium — kick-off 10.45 a.m.

The day started much earlier though for Junior Latics Secretary — Lynda, Groundsmen — Philip and Tommy, Coaches — Peter Jackson, Noel Ward and Ian Gillibrand and yours truly. At 8.45 a.m. to be precise, because we still had to greet the 40 or so boys booked in for the 9 a.m. session of Coca Cola Super Skills training that Noel and Peter were taking, and at 10 a.m. Peter and Ian did a quick change, so that Peter could take charge of the Junior Latics team.

Whilst all that was going on at one end of Springfield Park, at the other end on Woodhouse Stadium, Philip, Tommy and I were stood debating which pitch to use. You know it's a bit strange when you've been looking everywhere for a pitch, suddenly to be confronted by two.

"Now this one's 60 metres by 40 metres and that's 110 by 60! Which one do you want?" says Philip.

"Well that looks a bit small but tother looks massive."

"Well — how big are't lads?"

"About that big!"

"Oh well, little un 'll be big enough."

"Right little un it is." Decisions, decisions !!!

And after trying to fit 5 metre nets on 6 metre goal posts and pegging them down, plus Tommy telling Philip he's put one upright in upside down, we were finally ready for the big kick-off.

At 10.30 a.m. both teams were ready, the ref. was here and off we set on the walk from the changing rooms on the all-weather pitch to Woodhouse Stadium to be greeted by Mums, Dads, Junior Latics members and the Press. Photographs had to be taken to record the moments before the Kick-Off. At last every thing was ready, or so I thought, when I heard a little voice say — "John, have we got any corner flags?" "Um Um Um no, er I mean yes, not a clue." Guess who came to the rescue — Phillip — off he went and came back 2 minutes later with four lovely corner flags, they were put in position and at last after four months of disappointment and waiting everything was ready.

The lads didn't make us wait very long before we had something to shout about, after 5 minutes Simon Lynch latched onto a short clearance from the Bolton keeper, rounded the centre back and hit a screamer from 18 yards into the corner of the net, that was the first of 9 goals in a 9 - 2 win, that was Simon scored 4, Philip Winstanley 2, Darren Walsh 2 and Michael Gregory 1. All in all a very hard and sometimes nerve wracking day, but one I will never forget.

Thanks to Roy Cavanagh from Bolton and all those who worked so hard on the day. Other matches arranged, so far, for the Junior Latics were: 6th March — St. Jude's; 14th March — Blackburn Rovers; 21st March — Bury Shakers.

### Matchday Mascot

Tonight's Mascot is Martin Davies who attends Woodfield County Primary School.

His hobbies are Football, riding his bike and playing Subbuteo.

His favourite players are Jeff Wright and Larry Lloyd.

Have a lovely evening Martin.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



**JUNIOR LATICS**







Scoring a goal the Graham Barrow way.  
**ABOVE** — Graham crashes the ball into the roof of the net only for the referee to disallow the goal.  
**BELOW** — Through fierce opposition Graham again gets the ball into the net and this time the goal stands to give Latics a point against Port Vale.  
 Photographs by David Cookson.



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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB BRANCHES

We are well aware that many of our supporters live too far from Springfield Park to take part in the activities of the Supporters' Club.

It is intended, therefore, to establish Branches of the Club in the various areas in and around Wigan, hopefully based in pubs or clubs, where groups can meet, and organise, various events at which players, management, staff and directors, can attend to hear the views of the fans. Quiz nights, forums, and other social events, lubricated by whatever fine ale happens to be sold on the premises, are examples of the kind of activities envisaged.

So, if you're interested in starting a branch, write in to the Chairman of the Supporters' Club, Springfield Park, Wigan, who will arrange for inaugural meetings to be attended by the players. If Manchester United have got branches of their Supporters' Club in Borneo, surely we can have one in Leigh!!





\*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

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## Comment FROM THE CHAIR

Our Chairman, Freddie Pye, has kindly granted me the space in his column this week and I would begin by welcoming the directors, players and supporters of Aldershot Football Club. We have met them twice this season in the League Cup and both matches were hard fought, with the odd goal in five giving us victory. No doubt Aldershot will be keen to gain revenge for that tonight, whilst we strive to gain three points which will help us in our drive for Third Division status.

The first six weeks of 1982 has been a remarkable period for the club with our taking over the top spot of Division Four and with Larry Lloyd receiving the Manager of the Month award. Less spectacular, but almost as important, the period witnessed significant progress in the Commercial Department under the leadership of David Roberts. The department has an able and

loyal contingent of workers who are completely dedicated to the success of Wigan Athletic and they have increased the nett income from commercial ventures by a remarkable percentage. We on the board see this as the first step on the ladder in our efforts to raise the clubs' success at fund raising to a level that matches our success on the field.

It is no secret that the poor returns from our fund-raising last year caused a great deal of concern to the Board. Income from the commercial side of a Football League club cannot be seen as icing on the cake and it is essential for the very existence of clubs that such income is maximised. This year the Board intends to ensure that our commercial ventures under the overall control of Colin Burke, the Club Secretary, not only reach our budget target, but exceed it. It must always be remembered that successful teams invariably have successful fund-raisers working alongside. Let us make sure that in the future the same can be said of Wigan Athletic.

Enjoy tonight's game.

Best wishes,

Eric Barnes

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11. Riva 12. Stuart 14. Andy Nelson. Down  
1. Tranmere 2. Rob 3. shorts 4. Evans 5.  
Johnston 8. cup-tie 10. Kevin 13. Aas.  
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- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 David Glenn
- 3 Alex Cribley  
*Paul Whymell*
- 4 Jeff Whymell  
*Les Briley*
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Mike Quinn
- 8 Graham Barrow  
*Les Briley*
- 9 Les Briley
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